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SUBJECT: ZAIRIAN-BELGIAN RELATIONS: GOVERNMENT TELLS  
ZAIRE OPPOSITIONISTS IN BELGIUM TO TONE DOWN THEIR  
ACTIVITIES; MOBUTU WANTS TO MEET WITH KING AND FOREIGN  
MINISTER

REF: A) BRUSSELS 13045, B) BRUSSELS 13105,  
C) KINSHASA 6910

1. BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S DEPUTY CHEF DE CABINET,  
ANDRE ONKELINX, TOLD US JULY 7 THAT THE BELGIAN CABINET  
DECIDED JULY 5 TO TAKE SEVERAL MEASURES TO CONVINCE  
THE ZAIRE OPPOSITION ELEMENTS RESIDING IN BELGIUM "TO  
BE MORE QUIET" IN THEIR ACTIVITIES AND IN THEIR  
CRITICISM OF MOBUTU. HE SAID MEASURES INCLUDED:

- CALLING INTO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE THE PRINCIPAL  
ZAIRE OPPOSITION LEADERS AND SUGGESTING TO THEM THAT  
"EXCESSIVE PUBLIC DECLARATIONS" ABOUT THE GOZ COULD  
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ENDANGER THEIR STATUS IN BELGIUM.

- ISSUING SHORTLY A MINISTRY OF JUSTICE COMMUNIQUE  
REVIEWING AND SUMMARIZING BELGIAN LAW AND PROCEDURE  
AS REGARDS LEGITIMATE EXILE ACTIVITY HERE.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUESTION, ONKELINX CONFIRMED THAT

EXISTING LAWS AND PROCEDURES AS OUTLINED RECENTLY IN REFTEL A ARE STILL IN FORCE. HE STRESSED THAT THE CABINET'S ACTION WAS OF A "VOLUNTARY" NATURE AND WAS DESIGNED TO CONVINCE THE ZAIRIAN EXILES IN BELGIUM THAT IT WOULD APPEAR "WISER" TO BE MORE QUIET THAN TO RISK THE PASSAGE AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MORE STRINGENT MEASURES. HE SAID THAT SOME LEADERS, INCLUDING THOSE OF THE FNLC, HAD ALREADY BEEN CALLED IN. HE SAID THAT HE HAD TRIED TO TELEPHONE FORMER GOZ AMBASSADOR IN IRAN MBEKA MAKOSSO, ORGANIZER OF THE NEW M.N.U.R., AND INFORM HIM OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS BUT MBEKA IS IN PARIS.

3. ONKELINX SAID THAT INSTRUCTIONS HAVE BEEN CABLED TO AMBASSADOR RITTWEGER DE MOOR IN KINSHASA TELLING HIM TO INFORM MOBUTU OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT'S ACTIONS.

4. ONKELINX SAID THAT THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR IN RABAT MET TODAY WITH KING HASSAN, WHO INFORMED HIM THAT KING HASSAN'S SPECIAL EMISSARY TO MOBUTU HAD RETURNED TO RABAT FROM KINSHASA WITH THE MESSAGE THAT MOBUTU WOULD NOT BE ABLE TO VISIT BELGIUM ON HIS UPCOMING EUROPEAN TRIP BUT WISHED TO MEET KING BAUDOUIN AT THE KING'S SUMMER HOUSE IN SPAIN. HASSAN'S SPECIAL EMISSARY ALSO REPORTED THAT MOBUTU WAS READY TO RECEIVE FOREIGN MINISTER SIMONET IN KINSHASA. ONKELINX SAID HE WOULD KEEP US INFORMED ON BELGIAN RESPONSES TO THESE TWO

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